(*c*) It is not possible to estimate the amount payable as arrears of salary, as arrear bills have not been received. But in view of the large number of officers concerned, the expenditure is expected to be heavy.

(*d*) There was no avoidable delay in the sanctioning of the scheme as certain administrative matters had to be settled in detail before the scheme could actually be given effect to.

(*e*) Yes; on account of the heavy expenditure involved in the matter, vide answer to part (*c*).

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With reference to answer to part (*b*) may I know why arrears were not given to all the Departments?

Mr. K. J. Cheriyan: Arrears were given to those Departments whose Heads had recommended for the same.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know what is the test of ascertaining whether a man is entitled to arrears? Is it his service in a particular Department? Is it due to the delay for the recommendation or for the passing of the Government Order?

Mr. K. J. Cheriyan: Delay for the recommendation is the main cause.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether Government have not admitted in their order that non-gazetted officers in the various Departments are not entitled to increase of pay from 1-1-1110?

Mr. K. J. Cheriyan: Back arrears were not allowed as per Government Order, on account of the fact that there would be heavy expenditure.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the question of heavy expenditure affected only in the case of Judicial, Education and Public Works Departments and not in the case of other Departments?

Mr. K. J. Cheriyan: In the case of the Departments referred to by the member the amounts involved are big.

Rainfall in Travancore.

107. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the average rainfall for Travancore during every five consecutive years for the last 35 years:

(*b*) whether the rainfall is increasing or decreasing; and

(*c*) the causes for such increase or decrease in the rainfall?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: (*a*) A *statement furnishing the total average rainfall in respect of 4 typical stations with long and continuous records for the period asked for is laid on the table.

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[Mr. C. O. Madhavan.]

(*b*) The rainfall is neither steadily increasing nor decreasing but fluctuating with a rough periodicity of 11 to 12 years.

(*c*) The cause of such fluctuations is to be ultimately traced to fluctuations of solar radiation. These constitute a regular feature of world weather.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether Travancore has more rain or less rain than is beneficial to the country?

Mr. C. O Madhavan: That is a matter of opinion. From my own experience I may say that some itmes when we want rain it does not come and sometimes when we do not want there is rain.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: I am asking for an average.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: It cannot be said that Travancore is having more rain or less rain than is wanted.

Memorial from the copyists of the Judicial Department re their status and pay.

108. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the High Court received a memorial from the copyists of the Judicial Department praying (*i*) that their pay may be increased, (*ii*) that their pay may be regulated on scale and (*iii*) that their status may be improved, etc,;

(*b*) whether any action has been taken on the memorial; and

(*c*) if so, what it is?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: (*a*) Memorials from the copyists of the Judicial Department containing the prayers referred to by the member were received by the High Court and they have been forwarded to Government.

(*b*) and (*c*) The question is under the consideration of Government.

Estimate for the Changanacherry Travellers' Bungalow.

109. ***Mr. K. M. Korah**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have made any estimate of the Changanacherry Travellers' Bungalow; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any further step has been taken after the estimate?

Mr. R. Krishnaswami Rao: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No; for want of funds.

Mr K. M. Korah: May I know the amount of the estimate?

Mr. R. Krishnaswami Rao: About Rs. 11,700

Mr. K. M. Korah: May I know from the honourable member whether Government are convinced of the urgent necessity of having a Travellers' Bungalow at Changanacherry?

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Appendix IV.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 107.**

Statement of total average rainfall.

Station.	1903-1907 average.	1908-1912 average.	1913-1917 average.	1918-1922 average.	1923-1927 average.	1928-1932 average.	1933-1937 average.
Peermade (Residency) ...	218·6″	210·5″	206·9″	200·4″	220·6″	199·8″	192·8″
Chengannur (Magistrate's Court) ...	113·3″	111·6″	99	127·2″	128·0″	136·4″	112·3″
Trivandrum (Observatory) ...	71·8″	72·2″	66·2″	73·3″	78·2″	7· 5″	73·5″
Nagercoil (P. W. D. Office) ...	38·8″	36·5″	40·8″	45·1″	45·5″	41·9″	39·2″